CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

Water/Wastewater Operator







Do You Like ...

- ... building things?
- ... organization and detail?
- ... basic math and science?
- ... working with your hands?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps' **Water/Wastewater Operator** career training program.

SKILLS

Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a water/wastewater operator, including:

- » Using devices and equipment to condition, purify, or refine water for people to drink.
- » Maintaining pipeline or conduits, pumping stations and force mains, and all other related construction devices and appliances for conducting wastewater to a treatment system.
- » Operating devices and equipment used to treat, neutralize, stabilize, or dispose of wastewater.
- » Operating post-treatment storage facilities, conduits, mains, lines, pumping stations, or other devices used to carry water to the consumer after it has been treated.

EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:

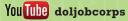
- » Integrity
- » Dependability
- » Attention to detail
- » Safety and monitoring skills

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a water/wastewater operator, including having:

- » Strong math and reading skills
- » A high school diploma or the equivalent
- » Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests
- » A clean record and background check

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CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have gained the knowledge and skills to help you succeed in your career. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a Renewable Resources and Energy training area can earn nationally recognized credentials from organizations such as the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET), and the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP).

CAREER OPTIONS



Most Water/Wastewater Operator graduates work for municipal governments. However, some go on to work for state or federal agencies, private water treatment plants, or military installations. Working hours for water/wastewater operators vary. Most work normal day shifts, but night shifts and weekends also can be a part of the job.

SALARY

The average starting salary for most water/wastewater operators is \$44,000/year.

*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit www.mynextmove.org.





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